American Youngsters Lead the World as Swimmers

Remarkable Records in the Water Both for Speed and Distance Made When Just Past Babyhood

United States several years foremost chanced to mention that the

But ideas have been revolutionized n the brief period since clapsed, and Americans not only realize at present that the statement was undoubtedly iterally true but we in this country have progressed so rapidly as to turn out water bables really proficient in natation and develop boy and girl swimmers who lead the world in

In the past two seasons in fact everal chubby maids under 5 years of age have drawn attention by their remarkable exhibitions of aquatic skill; girls of 10 or 11 have performed astonishing feats of speed and endurance; boys of 12 to 15 have won signal honors in the open field of com-

Annabel Hudson of Washington. babies to claim the limelight. In August, 1913, a three-quarter mile race for women was held in the capi-tal's tidal basin and to the amazement of the spectators Annabel, then 4 years 8 months old, proudly marched to the starting line with he other eleven contestants, took her mark with the unconcern of a veteran and dived in at the gun. She did not go the full distance of course, but she swam about 150 yards in good style, completely eclipsing anything pre-viously accomplished by a child of her

showing such a clean, correct stroke miles. that many a man and woman might

At a recent meet of the Philadelphia miles. And she is only 11 years old!

swimming Club Mrs. Clarke asked that The event is now being arranged. her diminutive charge have an official able to conclusively prove her teacher's deserves mention. faims. She covered 320 yards over The belief once prevailed that he side stroke all the way.

In 19 minutes when 6 years old, and lungs as sound as a new dollar. this was pronounced a record perform-

a number have exhibited wonderful creasing efficiency. proficiency. Josephine Hose of St.

Helen Rubican of Philadelphia, of of the Hawalian Islands the same age, succeeded last summer earned to swim almost before they in distancing most of her mature op-mould walk. The remark caused a ponents in open contests. Her great-into prominence later than Stephens.

instance, gave no indication of unusual promise until his twelfth year. Then, in 1914, he startled the aquatic fraternity by winning the Western A. A. district championship in back HEN Duke Kahanamoku, the cordingly she reported at the allotted stroke swimming, the youngest waterpeerless swimmer from hour and went over the course with man to land an association title. And fonolulu, first visited the field, crossing the line with the successfully defended his laurels this year.

Gilbert Tomlinson of Philadelphia, the present all round champion of the joild walk. The remark caused a ponents in open contests. Her greating of mirthful comment, for few est achievement was the capture of but came to the front even more rapsected by comment of the property of



The War Brings Tragedy to Paris Pensions de Famille

still existed. It does not. It much in eclipse as are the shops magnificent displays but no custo- files - the net bag beloved of house- a few of the passengers going to and gowned mannequins, who parade through empty rooms; as are the frills the market women of the city. It is their rooms were flung back on their and frivols of the oen time "Ville these market women, by the way, who hands. Panic stricken tourists did no have equipped one of the largest hostinual procession of wounded men pitals of the city. tinual procession of wounded men and crape hung women whose desolate appearance lend to that one time of the sou and eloquent as pens have pendent on pleasure seekers for its

NE uses, unconsciously, the present tense in speaking of Famous Boarding Places of Americans Practically Extinct---Romance of Their Rise and Decline

mers; as are the dressmaking estair wives in Paris-and where she shone from the Riviera, were looking and lishments, filled with wonderfully with equal distinction, emerging tri- ward to a more than usually prosper

de famille has not been a money mak-

The aristocratic friends of Madame



geles, a high diver at 31/2 years .

record holder, but she travelled the course in 18 minutes 37 seconds, considered truly remarkable time for the

Another Quaker maid whose exfaughter of Alfred Brown, the pro- ploits are unparalleled in the history fessional champion of America and of swimming is Florence McLaughlin. Sandy Hook and Panama Canal made a continuous swim from River-swims, is another little miss under 5 ton to the Race street dock in the who has been prominently before the Delaware River, completing the nine public. For more than a year her and three-quarter miles in 3 hours 22 exhibitions of swimming and diving minutes 25 seconds. Like her friend have been a striking feature of metro- Helen Rubican, she has made her politan water carnivals. She seems to mark in the racing game, defeating have an amphibious nature, splashing crack women performers at distances about like a graceful duckling and ranging between 440 yards and five Some idea of Florence's skill and

ambition may be formed from the But the greatest of all infant water challenge she issued a couple of weeks prodigies is Beatrice Whitelawn of ago to all women swimmers of New Philadelphia, 41/2 years old, weighing York and Philadelphia. She wants to 33 pounds and standing less than three meet any or all in a scratch test of feet in height. She was taught to speed and staming over the classic October by Mrs. Edith Chester Marathon course, which Clarke, and she has improved rapidly. measures seventeen and three-quarter

Mildred Wyman of Boston rial in order to convince certain scep- Florence's senior by three years, so who doubted her assertions in that her splendid swimming has reregard to the latter's achievements in ceived less notice, but her quarter the distance himself under standard practice. The committee readily agreed mile mark, within thirty seconds of figures. Supreme athletic honors

the club's regulation still water course swimming was entirely too strenuous work of American youngsters has been n 13 minutes 30 seconds, finishing a kind of exercise for children, and their success in long distance swimfresh and smiling without showing a some still cling to it; but there is ming, a branch of the sport formerly sign of fatigue or distress. She used convincing evidence in the robust, confined to seasoned veterans. he side stroke all the way.

If any child under 5 ever swam 300 ding champions of the fact that no yards before it has not been chron- more beneficial sport exists. Almost Island to the Brooklyn Bridge, a disicled, and the time made by the little without exception the little girl swim-Philadelphian indicates that she could mers have been submitted to minute beat the average full grown breast medical examination after each race or time trial and the verdict has ever Freda Pickett of Dover, Mass., is been the same: Perfect condition, no credited with swimming half a mile trace of strain or weariness, heart and

Modern improvements in the art of ance at the time, but it was made natation are in part responsible for and which drew entries from the top with a favoring tide and does not the ease with which swimming is done notchers of half a dozen States. He compare with Beatrice's more recent nowadays. Constant study has brought teat, even overlooking the difference about the introduction of strokes such defeated twenty-six full grown antagas the trudgeon and crawl, which min- onists, some of them men famous in Among the girls of 10 and 11 quite imize the output of energy while in-

Louis was 11 years old when she at-tempted to enter a two mile race for early as girls, and there are few if the South and middle West. Eddie women, only to be told that she had any recorded cases of boys display- McCarron of Kansas City, also 14, yet to attain the qualifying age for ing extraordinary ability before the finished second by a few feet in anapetition. Not daunted, however, age of 12. It may be questioned in other ten mile race in the Missouri her speed against full grown rivals, lin's age ever approached her per-even if a prize was denied her. Ac-formances. On the other hand the lads section.

Beatrice Whitelawn of Phila-

stars in the national A. A. U. half later he forced Bud Goodwin of the New York A. C. to establish a new never before went to a fifteen-year old in any country

Eddie Snyder of Brooklyn in 1913. tance of fifteen miles, in 6 hours 45 many other immature youngsters figured prominently in an important Marathon contest

Eddie took eighth place in the big the greatest endurance test ever held covered nineteen miles in 7 hours and the field of aquatic endurance. Davy Jones of Memphis, 14, scored in the Odd to relate, boys do not seem, as ten mile Tennessee Marathon against Katherine Brown, 5 years.

finements of the most gracious society in the world. A high standard was maintained. One was admitted incongruity

carried out the traditions of the Faustood by her in her fallen fortunes and lent their prestige. She did not atthe crash and convulsion of great home for herself and her children, industries, but with its own tragedy perhaps to marry off her daughter, and VII and one on the E nevertheless. Commercial and social was accomplished, if Madame had not changes have each been marked by a taken to herself a second spouse, she grand boulevards. Its salon w certain magnificence of resignation or went to live with the newly married and the pension doors were closed or mous plate surfaces belove thdrawal, all but that of the pension and the pension doors were closed or the establishment drifted into other de famille, which has simply ceased hands. Paris still talks of one of cludes genuine antiques. to be, without any bead wreath fit-tingly inscribed with its virtues and entrance into which was a social cretingly inscribed with its virtues and dential. It was situated in the residential part of the Boulevard Hauss- a suite of servants; following

From Montmartre to the Madeleine. from the exclusive quarters of the been made to grow where only one Champs Elysees and of the other ave-Champs Elysees and of the other avenues which form the "Etoile," along A few managed to preserve the spirit the Boul' Miche, beloved of students, of the earlier ones; many failed for the pension occupies its form and all the world loves a Latin Quar- obvious reason that the landladies, with such a difference. N In centre, another view of Katherine Brown.

Among the most remarkable of am- Cameron is also an accomplished those old sections withdrawn by of the grande dame class, and the phibious youngsters is Cameron C. swimmer and has mastered the breast. means of high grilles or secret ap-indefinable something disappeared proaches, Paris has been a centre of with them. Disappeared from them. proaches, Paris has been a centre of also, the French woman, for of late years the native pensionnaire was indeed a rara avis. The routine of pensions de famille and, on the arrival of strangers, a large percentage coming from the United States, the sion life does not appeal to the Gallie French capital has depended for the temperament, and the French woman, continued existence of this industry.

strictly the economist, can have her own apartment and her maid for what

The term "pension de famille" is a she would pay in a pension de fanecessary distinction, for the word mille. "pension" offered without explanatory phrase means to the French people invariably the private school where HE manufacture of unfinished mission, which has been described as only is without the objectionable ridge is furnished completely with American up homes, apartments, clubs and coun-

using it in her breakfast room put it in her parlor.

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yellow. The table had a glass top, so the painting should last even with ordinary care for generations.

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existence, would be the last of many The tragedy of these closed and half closed doors! In one of the best known of the pensions de famili Madame, la proprietaire, is foun board, about which gathered in othe days a circle of convives where then was never a vacant chair. She wa engaged in packing up the little "collis"—bundles—which is now her on occupation. These are to be sent to several relatives at the front and contain the many supplies with which her establishment was abundantly provide ed. Not an application has been masince the mobilization; not a guest re mained. She does not have to p

day, for added to the possible pr

rent until the war is over, and the she states, with pathetic optimist "the Government will no doubt ma without crushing the debtors out existence." A little "bonne" who her board and lodging but no was replaces the staff of five servants, cluding a valet, of former times The landlady of another, situat on the Rue d'Alger and so w moment's walk of the Place de Concorde, the fashionable hetels a shops of the Rue de Rivoli, has been the last word has not yet been written on this subject. The pension

her day housed American celebrit of many kinds. The late Mrs. Geor. ing institution, and those who have Westinghouse was one of her regu been forced to retire into obscurity patronesses, Mrs. George Cus have not retired with big bank acanywhere but with Mme. Bmune Paris was the Mecca of travel-lers. Americans recovering from their she was called upon to deny all of own civil war were just beginning to make the annual tour. Many of the best known pensions of those days, tude of the entire pension, preferring

is due to them that the Paris pen- apartment on the left bank, aw sion gained such extraordinary pres- the better times which she is a l They were women unaccus- dubious about. tomed to wage earning but experienced in all the arts of the cuisine and
the graces of the salon. It was a
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the technicalities of the French the technicalities of the Fren only lived and received for a stated sum the exchange of board and lodg-ing but where one learned the recould be be sure? not go. If she insisted he by introduction only. The dinners were functions and the receptions hung for months and was fi

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that time a second war Our Allies Are Taken at Reduced but not that of the pension de famille. Son, a mere boy, was mostled to behind it was the whole American was the final straw, and so the

Florence McLaughlin and her trophies. Above in circle-Miss McLaughlin executing a graceful dive. In centre, another view of Katherine Brown.

the youngest daredevil in the world. prowess in San Francisco. Absolutely fearless, he has been pracoff the lofty tower in excellent form, the palm to any other nation

Coffey of Los Angeles, who has yet to back, side and crawl strokes. He is celebrate his fourth birthday. He is at present giving exhibitions of his

tising dives from heights ranging be- trations picked at random as evidence she decided to start anyhow and test fact if a boy of Florence McLaugh-her speed against full grown rivals, lin's age ever approached her per-nine of the leading swimmers of the

"The woman who puts on the back-ground paint makes a specialty of that work. She doesn't do anything else. Then the decorating is done by a contact of the provinces, is too poor at pression the provinces are to send her girls to these establishments. The demand—though the demand has been a constantly increasing figure—that the pension keepers had finally to content to send her girls to these establishments. The demand has been the practically closed their doors; France, of the provinces is too poor at pression to send the provinces are the provinces. The provinces is too poor at pression to send the provinces are the provinces are the provinces. The provinces is too poor at pression to send the provinces are the provinces are the provinces are the provinces. The provinces are woman who has a reputation in the lishments; there are no American good living it was indeed, and let the that if the English had "store art world. Not long ago she decorated mothers hurrying their daughters to future take care of itself. a black set—yes, unfinished furniture be "finished" in Paris now—but that painted black—with yellow field lilies is another story.

But, why worry? This business of the pension de famille was a sure ways anticipated the present painted black—with yellow field lilies is another story.

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Many of these "pensions de famille" thing, carefully advertised the best of that we have a sure the pension of so beautiful that the lady for whom have died hard, after a strenuous all ways, that of the personal. Guests 20 franc gold piece that was the furniture was made instead of struggle for existence; witness the well taken care of, well fed and well was put away in the war furniture.

This old painted furniture which is an integral part.

No matter how unfashionable the waiting to take care of their house-

cause these orders all called for articles to be used with his chairs he pelected the same general type. Without reality intending it, almost without realizing it, his unfinished furniture has been used to he was a stencil too wide arms is about the only relaxation permitted by chairs of the Jeffer-inture has been used to decice. Resting as backgrounds as we'l as the most delicate. Recomes that had never been as backgrounds as we'l as the most delicate. Recomes that had never been that a person who only knows enough to be "done up" for many years a few articles and better designs. The majority of people want their that a person who only knows enough to be "done up" for many years a few articles and better designs. The majority of people want their form and the put of the many years a few articles and better designs. The majority of people want their form and comfort will go far to make every morning attended by her fewmen the plant of the person who only knows enough to be "done up" for many years a few articles and better designs. The majority of people want their form and the person who only knows enough to be "done up" for many years a few articles and better designs. The majority of people want their form and the person who only knows enough that a person who only k

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facturer, had inherited a genuine charms of this furniture is that it can Colonial painted chair. She wanted be had in several varieties of wood, one like it. The lines were very similar painted or finished to order, when it is painting. to those turned out by his factory, and if she could get one unfinished Other pieces, not exact reproducshe would be able to paint it without tions, are undisguisedly adaptations of facture a full line of furniture for the Another set decorated in New York going to the trouble of having it furniture popular in this country at

whed chairs came inquiries about other books on period furniture, was a fa- ings. So to-day while a limited doing nothing but painting lines on

Unlike the painted furniture of the his office a woman who asked him Austrian peasant type and the painted to sell her one unfinished chair. mission furniture of this country, this sell chairs at retail, for the sake of example of sympathetic adaptation,

not wanted unfinished.

With many of the orders for unfin- back chair which, according to text- made to harmonize with the surround- high wages in an automobile factory painted." demand for painted furniture in- to rest against the back of the chair and decorated to suit the purchaser.

His kitchen chairs were comfortable pattern.

Since the first object of all this un- The walls in this red room are as painted furniture is its use in the severely plain as the furniture is simhome the question of its comfort has ple. The decorative element is exbeen a major consideration. Before a pressed entirely by the curtains, chair design is accepted the manufacturer and bolster coverings. These are made requires that it must be comfortable. of art linen, in a red and white block

as well as strong, he declares. The For the sun parlor of a Chicago wanted a chair that had not been ductions of old pieces so far as shape fact that they are pleasing in outline private home the unfinished furniture and size go, the difference being in the and finish, he believes, has been amply was painted and decorated in New A woman friend, she told the manu- wood and the painting, for one of the proved by the fact that women who York. The colors were black and wished to beautify their homes se- white, the groundwork being white lected them to decorate with hand with black lines and black borders. The floor was of black and white tiling In his efforts to please these cus- and the wall paper black and white

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were white and black with touches of yellow. The table had a glass top, so Rates."

going to the trouble of having it scraped. Of course she got her unsigned chairs.

Within a few days a second woman with the same request. The first had reported that unfinished chairs were to be had at the factory. Were to be had at the factory. Almost had reported the manufacturer knew it his before the manufacturer knew it his border pan to the trouble of having it furniture popular in this country at to the making of kitchen chairs had shipped to California was for a cost of the furniture up considerably, to the making of kitchen chairs he breakfast room. The ground was a confortable chairs are variations of the furniture up considerably, though it is not nearly so dear as the delicate shade of green with sprays delicate shade of green was well, hardly above the ordinary, of one's design against French traditrade in unfinished chairs had grown to hundreds; then it bounded into houseness.

Another variation of the Windsor type reminds one strongly of the high-

pleces of furniture, unfinished. As the fashion of more color in the home took stronger hold on the public the took stronger hold on the took stronger hold on the public the took stronger hold on the public the took stronger hold on the took stronger hold on the public the took stronger hold on the public the took stronger hold on the took st to rest against the back of the chair and decorated to suit the purchaser. rather than to sit bolt upright. In the The simplicity of this furniture spare moments said when asked about tion. It was a fad which never be- as she phrases it, "good eaters."

this unfinished furniture has been used to advantage. At this inn the sign was painted by chairs of the Jeffersome to represent a definite type. It this inn the sign was painted by Evthis inn the sign was painted by Evthis inn the sign was painted by Evthis inn the sign was painted by Evthe fad a vogue.

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whose fame still lives, were presided it to a hotel, over by the widows of officers, and it Mme. H

But, as two blades of grass have impossible to obtain adm